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		WEEK DAYS							
		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon	Dep.	6.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	6.20	7.10
Yau-mat	Dep.	6.50	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	4.44	6.29	7.19
Shatin	Dep.	7.02	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	4.56	6.31	7.21
Tai-po	Dep.	7.16	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	5.09	6.34	7.24
Tai-po Market	Dep.	7.31	9.58	11.08	12.38	1.53	5.13	6.38	7.28
Fanning	Dep.	7.46	10.03	11.13	12.43	2.03	5.23	6.38	7.28
Shuanghui	Dep.	7.56	10.07	11.17	12.52	2.07	5.28	6.43	7.33
Shum-chun	Dep.	7.43	10.18	11.28	12.58	2.13	5.34	6.49	7.39
Shum-chun	Arr.	7.51	8.06	10.38	11.40	8.00	4.17	5.30	6.15
Shuanghui	Dep.	7.22	8.12	10.46	11.47	8.07	4.24	5.37	6.18
Fanning	Dep.	7.32	8.16	10.49	11.51	8.11	4.38	5.34	6.19
Tai-po Market	Dep.	7.42	8.26	10.59	12.02	8.21	4.38	5.34	6.29
Tai-po	Dep.	7.46	8.30	11.04	12.07	8.25	4.43	5.38	6.33
Shatin	Dep.	7.59	8.43	11.17	12.21	8.38	4.56	5.51	6.46
Yau-mat	Dep.	8.12	8.56	11.29	12.33	8.50	5.08	6.03	6.58
Kowloon	Arr.	8.30	9.03	11.37	12.41	9.08	5.16	6.11	7.06

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Kowloon	Dep.	6.40	8.35	9.15	10.30	12.00	3.25	6.20	7.10
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Shatin	Dep.	7.02	—	9.36	10.51	12.21	3.36	6.31	7.21
Tai-po	Dep.	7.16	—	9.49	11.04	12.34	3.41	6.34	7.24
Tai-po Market	Dep.	7.31	—	9.58	11.08	12.38	3.45	6.38	7.28
Fanning	Dep.	7.46	—	10.03	11.13	12.43	3.51	6.38	7.28
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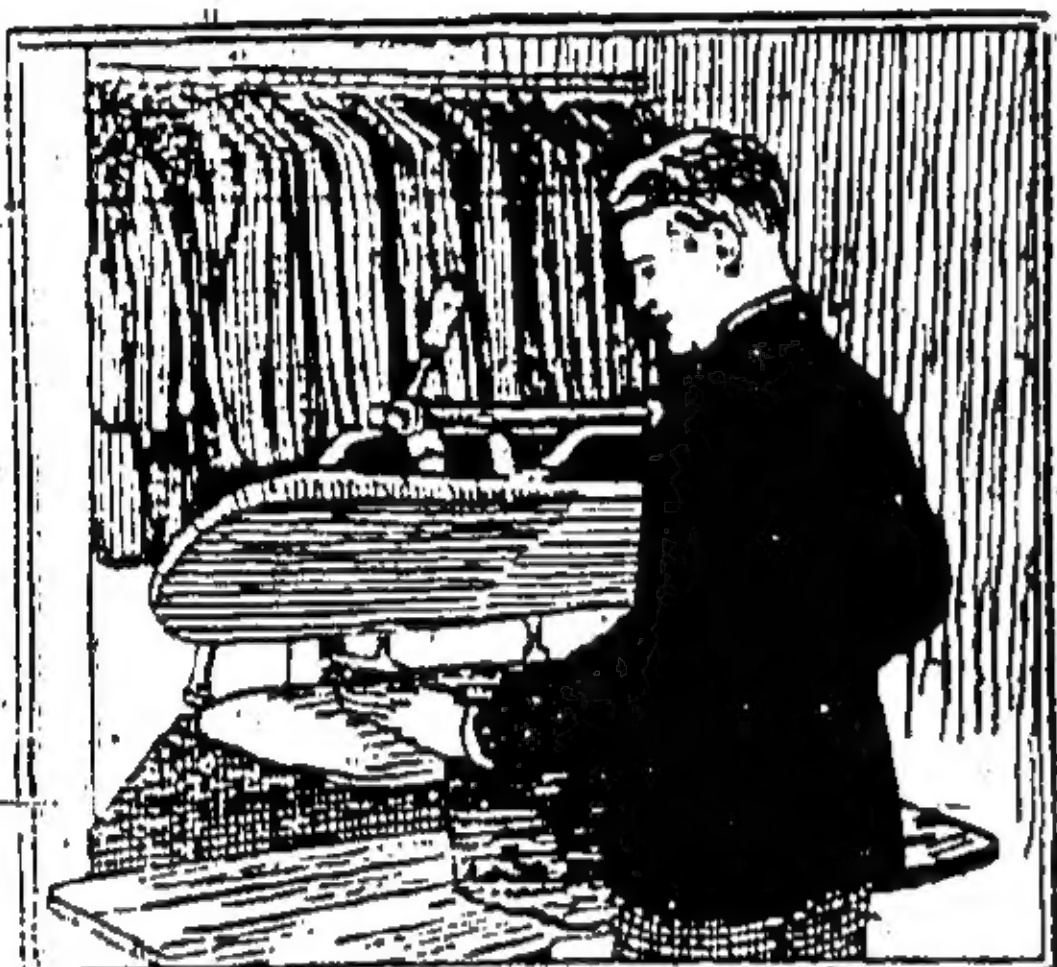
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Senior—First Round.

Kowloon 2 Hongkong Club 1
Club de Recreio 4 R.A. 1

HONGKONG LEAGUE.

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Hongkong Police 3 H.M.S. Tamar... 2

Division II. "A."

St. Josephs 2 South China "A." 1

Division II. "B."

South China "C." 3 University 2

CLUB "KOWLOON."

Great interest was taken in the meeting of these teams on the H.K.F.C. ground in the first round of the Challenge Shield competition and a good number of supporters turned out to cheer on their favourites. A penalty goal gave Kowloon the lead which they maintained until the interval. Then a penalty to the Club saw them level once again, Kowloon scoring the winning goal halfway through the second half. There was little to choose between the teams and on the general run of the game a draw would have been a correct result.

Several miskicks in the opening minutes of the game gave the respective forwards a good opening, but marksmen were lacking, although Morrison got in a couple of shots from long range which were practically useless against the class of goalkeeper like Avery, who was out between the sticks for Kowloon in his first competition game. A fine opening was presented the Club forwards after fifteen minutes' play, for Avery appeared to be beaten but the Club forwards crowded in the goalmouth and got in the way of each other and Avery fisted away almost from Forsyth's head. With Bishop doing his utmost to prevent a bouncing ball from touching his hands, the bumpy ground caused the ball to take an unexpected turn, and Bishop was penalised for handling in the penalty area. Simms made certain from the spot kick sending the ball passed Rodger and Kowloon took the lead after about twenty-five minutes' play.

The exchanges continued very even, the halfback line on each side preventing any attempt at combination. On the whole the attack was on the wild side, the wing men being very noticeable by failing to get their centres in front of goal. Forsyth, the opportunist, was always well placed but centre failed to come his way, the wingers sole object being to get the ball into the net and they failed. At the interval the scores were: Kowloon, 1; H.K. Club, 0.

Early in the second half, McKelvie took a pot shot at goal and Howard dropped the ball close in. Forsyth had his chance but turned the ball just outside the post. Read gave away a corner after Wheeler had miskicked but Morrison sent behind with the flag kick. Turner and Duncan tried shots for Kowloon but they lacked sting and the defence easily cleared. Forsyth and McKelvie met in the Kowloon goal area and a little bit of hooking and back-heeling between them ended in the Kowloon captain being penalised and the Club were awarded a penalty. Forsyth took the spot kick and Avery was easily beaten. With the score one all, interest in the game was resumed and a little excitement was caused when McKelvie got the better of Wheeler but the Kowloon player reached out and pulled the ball down thirty yards out. The free kick was cleared and Brodie created a sensation when he ran through the defence and sent in a well placed shot that Avery with a full length dive managed to turn round the post. A scramble followed the flag kick and Avery was yards out of goal when the ball was sent in but Simms cleared from the goal line. Another free kick for the Club came from yards out gave them no advantage for Kowloon clearing, went down and McKelvie sent Caville in to beat Rodger with a well placed shot giving Kowloon the lead.

Following this the Club had the better of the exchanges for a time but failed to score. A fine piece of work on the part of Caville and Rodger received well merited applause for Caville only six yards out received from a centre by Hayes and sent in with a first timer, Rodger bringing off a good clearance. Forsyth with only Avery in front of him made a miserable attempt to score the ball going well out to right of the posts. Duncan met the ball from a cross by Caville but sent outside the posts. After Avery had fisted out a shot from Brodie, Howard lobbed back into the goalmouth, Forsyth just reaching the ball with his head and turning it outside the posts. In the next minute Avery punched away from a shot by Morrison. Caville sent well over the bar and Hayes ended a sprint down the wing by sending behind. McKelvie gave Morrison a good opening but the winger sent behind. Rodger left his goal to clear from a forward pass by Simms and Linaker rushed in but Gerrard covered up and cleared. The final whistle sounded with Kowloon winning by two goals to one and they will now meet the Police in the semi-final on the 27th instant.

The teams:—
Kowloon.—Avery; Wheeler and Read; Turner, Simms and McKelvie; Taylor, Caville, Linaker, A. Duncan and Hayes. Club.—G. Rodger; Gerrard and Bishop; Summers, Howard and Watson; Pile, Forsyth, Brodie, McKelvie and Morrison. Referee: Mr. Baldwin.

CLUB DE RECREIO V. R.A.

Playing at home, the Gunners failed to hold the Portuguese team and took their exit from the Shield competition for another year. The Gunners had a chance to take the lead in the first half through a penalty and at the interval the score sheet was blank. In the second half the Recreio were on top and put on four goals to one by the R.A.

The game was played before a good attendance. Stanton was early called upon to defend from Gosano, and in the next minute the Recreio centre just missed with a header. The Artillery right got clear and Grew centred but Fernandez cleared with Wilson close in. Reads returned with a hard shot but Ogley sent over the bar. Following the corner kick Lucock was given offside and the pressure was relieved. Gosano took another shot at goal but it was turned down by Viccars. Ogley handled in the area but Pulford failed to get the ball passed Fernandez although the goalie dropped the ball he recovered in time to clear.

Resuming with a blank sheet, the Gunners were the first to become dangerous but Wilson handling spoiled their chances. Rocha gave the Recreio the lead receiving from a wing pass he beat Stanton from close range. The Recreio returned to the attack and the R.A. defence were hard pressed. The Artillery forwards got away with a clear field have a chance to level up but were slow and the Recreio cleared. Silva started a movement that ended with Fuentes beating Stanton and giving the Recreio the lead. The R.A. transferred play and Fernandez fell in clearing a shot from Wilson but A. A. Remedios cleared from the goal line. Fuentes received from a pass by Remedios and beat Stanton from close range. Carrying by Fernandez enabled the R.A. to score their only goal of the match for Rachel banging the ball at the legs of the Recreio players who were crowding their goal, it rebounded into the net. Gosano netted with Stanton full length on the ground after clearing from a shot by Fuentes.

The final whistle sounded with the Recreio winning by four goals to one. They will now meet the East Surreys in the semi-final on 27th instant.

The teams:—
Recreio.—Fernandez; Ogley and Xavier; H. C. Remedios; A. A. Remedios and A. H. Remedios; Fuentes, Silva; Gosano, Rocha and Brown.

R.A.—Stanton; Whittington & Monks; Rachel, Reads and Viccars; Grew, Hollands, Pulford, Wilson and Lucock. Referee: Mr. Atkinson.

POLICE V. "TAMAR"

These teams met on the St. Joseph's ground, the game ending in a win for the Police by three goals to two. The uneven state of the ground made accurate play impossible. At the interval the Police were leading by two goals to nil. Johnson and Cornwall being the marksmen. Early in the second half, Noonan put the Police further ahead but King and Hillier scoring for the Tamar in the last fifteen minutes of the game gave the sailors' hopes of making the scores level but time was against them and they had to retire defeated by the odd goal in five.

Police.—A. E. Clarke; Wynne and Byrom; Brittain, Forbes and Jossop; Cornwall, McEwen, Johnson, Noonan and Clark.

Tamar.—Baddock; Teasdale and Barker; Sandy, Carter and Miles; Simpson, Hillier, Steer, King and Bennett. Referee: Mr. Matthews.

ST. JOSEPH'S V. SOUTH CHINA "A."

The St. Joseph's team lowered the record of the South China "A." team when they met on the Club ground in their re-arranged match which the College team had to forfeit after winning by two clear goals in the early part of the season.

After playing a first half goalless St. Josephs were awarded a penalty kick but Hui Shing Ju cleared from Ward who took the spot kick. South China were more successful with their penalty kick which they were awarded in the next minute. Lau Kau netting from the spot kick. Being a goal down, St. Josephs put more life into the play and Choi Ping Fan handled well out. Omar placed well from the free kick and Maher running in sent the ball into the net making the scores level. South China then went out for the lead but they met a sound defence, while St. Josephs were content with kicking the ball well up the field.

These were awarded a corner and Kent was lucky enough to send the ball into the net direct from the corner kick. Hui being hampered through his own backs crowding the goal line.

The final whistle sounded with South China attacking but a beaten side by two goals to one. This will make the division championship more open and the meeting between South China "A." and the East Surreys Reserves will probably decide this.

SOUTH CHINA "C." UNIVERSITY.

South China maintained their unbeaten record in the "B" division and won against the University on the Garrison ground by three goals to two. The University took the lead through Catterall in the next minute. Li Ping Tong scored for South China. Fan Kah Chuen put South China ahead with a lucky shot, the University goalie, misjudging the ball from a high shot. Before the interval Jap made the scores two goals all. The second half was evenly contested, the only goal being scored by Li Ping Tong for South China who won as above stated.

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COMPANY MEETING.

SHANGHAI COTTON SPINNING &
WEAVING CO.

SUBSTANTIAL LOSSES DUE TO
MAY 30TH.

GOOD BUSINESS CERTAIN IF FIGHTING ENDS.

Mr. H. Arnold speaking at the ninth
annual general meeting of the Shanghai
Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.,
last week, said:—

During the first five months of the
year, the mill worked at a small profit,
but the difficulties experienced subsequent
to May 30th have unfortunately converted
this into a substantial loss. The local
conditions which compelled us to close
the mill from the June 3rd to October
1st, are well-known to you and I need
not take up your time in describing them.
During this period of inactivity, our
overhead charges and the wages of those
of our foremen who remained loyal to
the company continued. These charges,
and the amounts which we had to pay
out on the termination of the strike, were
incurred without any return to the com-
pany in the shape of production, and ex-
ceeded the large amount of Tls. 50,000.

LOSS ON COTTON PURCHASES.

To this must be added the loss on our
purchases of cotton at the time of the
outbreak of the strike and boycott. In
view of the difficulty of obtaining cotton
of good quality towards the end of the
season, it is customary to cover our re-
quirements early in the year up to the
advent of the new crop. This policy
was pursued during the past year, with
the result that we had covered the greater
part of our requirements up to Septem-
ber at an average price of over Tls. 41
a picul, which compared favourably with
the prices then ruling, and which would
have left us a profit had the boycott not
prevented us from selling our stock and
from operating the mill. When the mill
was able to recommence work four
months later, the new crop had come on
to the market, and we would have been
able to cover our requirements at prices
not exceeding Tls. 38. We therefore had
to write down our stocks accordingly,
and we propose applying the cotton
equalization fund to meet these differ-
ences. You will therefore realize that
the strike has cost us directly and in-
directly, approximately Tls. 180,000 or
more than the whole of the adverse
balance on profit and loss account.

ASSISTANCE FROM CHINESE CHAMBER.

Our thanks are due to the Chinese
General Chamber of Commerce for the
assistance given us in negotiating a set-
tlement of the strike in September last.
The strike itself was engineered by out-
side influences. Our mill hands were
in no way discontented but they were
forced out by a campaign of intimidat-
ion on the part of agitators. During
this period of inactivity they suffered
considerable hardships and were glad
eventually to resume work. The terms
of settlement provided for an increase
of wages of 10 per cent., which increase
came into force on January 1st. Since the
resumption of work, there have been
periodical symptoms of unrest caused by
professional agitators, but nothing of
a serious nature has occurred, and we
are gradually weeding out all unde-
sirable elements.

IF ONLY STRIFE WOULD CEASE.

It is impossible to be optimistic under
the conditions which at present prevail
all over China. With Civil War, robbery
and brigandage prevailing almost every-
where, with the military in occupation
of the railways, preventing the move-
ment of cargo, it is not surprising that
the demand for yarn is poor, and that
people live from hand to mouth, with
the result that stocks in Shanghai are
accumulating. On the other hand,
stocks up-country are said to be small,
and given peaceful conditions, so that
farmers can transport and dispose of
the produce of the soil, a steady demand
for yarn and cloth would make itself
felt.

The price of yarn to-day is lower than
it has been for three years. If the Tariff
Conference now sitting in Peking should
be brought to a successful issue, the pre-
sent adverse conditions would make way
for a period of prosperity for the textile
industry, but failing this, the outlook
is anything but encouraging.

Turning to the accounts, your Direc-
tors recommend writing off the debit
balance of Tls. 164,952.47 in the follow-
ing manner:—

The transfer of Tls. 100,000.00 to the
cotton equalization fund, and Tls.
64,952.47 to general reserve fund.

The total reserves of the Company will
then stand at Tls. 1,163,135.82, in ad-
dition to the depreciation reserve fund of
Tls. 1,000,000. Considering that the up-
keep of machinery is written off the work-
ing account every year, and that the
replacement cost of most of the ma-
chinery is higher to-day than at the
time at which it was purchased, this de-
preciation reserve must be considered
extremely conservative. Assuming, how-
ever, that the Company's assets have de-
preciated to that extent, the assets still
amount to approximately Tls. 3.40 per
share. It is to be hoped that conditions
before long, will improve sufficiently to
enable the Company once more to earn
profits and distribute dividends.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

March 13th, 1926.	
Hongkong Bank	\$1,048 buy.
Do., London	\$2125 nom.
Chartered Bank	\$211 buy.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	\$230 buy.
Do., Canton	\$213 buy.
P. & O. Bank	\$213 buy.
East Asia Bank	\$213 buy.
Canton Insurance	\$810 buy.
China Underwriters	\$225 nom.
North China Insurance	Tls. 145 nom.
Union Insurance	\$285 buy.
Yangtze Insurance	\$444 buy.
China Fire Insurance	\$165 buy.
Hongkong Fire Insurance	\$500 buy.
Donghai	\$212 nom.
H.K. & M. Steamboats	\$24 buy.
Hongkong Ferry	\$24 buy.
Indo-China (Pref.)	\$48 nom.
Do., (Def.)	\$40 nom.
Shell Transport	\$9/3 buy.
Star Lines	\$85 nom.
Waterboats	\$15 buy.
Oriental Navigations	\$250 nom.
China Sugar	\$29 nom.
Malacca Sugar	\$14 nom.
Beiguet	\$45/8 buy.
Langkate (combined)	Tls. 23 buy.
Do., (single)	Tls. 11 buy.
Shanghai Explorations	Tls. 5 sel.
Shanghai Loans	Tls. 7 nom.
Bank	\$3 buy.
Trench Mines	\$5/4 buy.
Ural Caspian	\$1/11 buy.
H.K. & T. Wharves	\$121 buy.
H.K. & W. Docks	\$82 buy.
Hongkong	Tls. 170 buy.
New Engineering	Tls. 5 buy.
Shanghai Docks	Tls. 98 buy.
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$10 nom.
Hongkong Land	\$64 buy.
Hongkong Realty (S.P.)	\$4 buy.
H.K. Territorial (S.P.)	\$4 buy.
Humphreys & Co.	\$144 buy.
Prince's Buildings	\$120 sel.
Rural Lands	\$7 nom.
Evo Cottons	Tls. 9.66 buy.
Oriental	Tls. 3 nom.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	Tls. 54 buy.
Do., (new)	Tls. 28 buy.
Amusements	\$11 buy.
Canton Ice	\$7 nom.
Cement (combined)	\$134 buy.
Do., (old)	\$134 buy.
Do., (new)	\$134 buy.
China Buses	Tls. 104 buy.
China Lights (combined)	\$211 buy.
Do., (old)	\$15 buy.
Do., (new)	\$12 sel.
China Providents	\$38 sel.
Constructions	\$3 nom.
Dairy Farms	\$40 nom.
Der A. Wing (S.P.)	\$10 nom.
Hongkong Electric	\$92 sel.
H.K. Development	\$40 nom.
H.K. Bopes (combined)	\$30 sel.
Do., (old)	\$111 nom.
Do., (new)	\$34 nom.
Hongkong Telephone	\$3 buy.
Hongkong Tramways	\$25.10 sel.
Lane Crawford	\$104 buy.
Mackintosh	\$211 nom.
Peak Tram (old)	\$7 buy.
Do., (new) (S.P.)	\$11 sel.
Sincere	\$11 sel.
Taxis	\$4 sel.
United Asbestos	\$20 nom.
Watsons (old)	\$11 sel.
Do., (new)	\$11 sel.
Wm. Powell	\$10 nom.
buy—buyers; sel.—sellers; sa.—sales; nom.—nominal.	

COMPANY REPORT.

SHANGHAI LAND INVESTMENT
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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR PAST
YEAR.

The report of the directors of the
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd.,
shows that Profit and Loss Account has
been credited with Tls. 104,732.00 profit
on sales of land and shows a credit
balance of Tls. 881,719.42 which the
directors recommend for appropriation as
follows:—

To pay a final dividend of 8 per cent. on (117,000 shares).....	351,000.00
To pay a bonus of 4 per cent. (Tls. 2 per share on 117,000 shares).....	234,000.00
To carry forward to new ac- count.....	95,719.42
	Tls. 681,719.42

The paid-up capital of the company
has been increased to Tls. 5,850,000.00 by
the creation of 38,000 additional ordinary
shares of Tls. 50.00 each.

The book cost of estates is Tls.
12,745,378.05 an increase of Tls. 921,385.55
over 1924.

Mortgage loans amount to Tls.
1,295,060.71 as compared with Tls.
935,728.43 for 1924.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE]

Rue de, March 12th.	
To-day's exchange rates are as follow:	
Paris	133.20
Brussels	107.05
Amsterdam	12.13
Berlin	20.42
Copenhagen	18.52
Vienna	31.50
Helsingfors	193
Lisbon	21
Buenos Aires	44
Shanghai	31
Yokohama	1/101
New York	4.86 1/16
Geneva	25.25
Milan	121
Stockholm	19.19
Oslo	22.36
Prague	184
Madrid	34.48
Rio	71
Bombay	1/64
Hongkong	2/34
Silver (spot)	30.5/19
Silver (forward)	30.7/19

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ABOUT THE MASKED BALL.

A REPLY TO SOME CRITICISMS.

The idea of this Masked Ball has been
long enough before the Public now for
the promoters to gather a good idea of
general feeling on the matter.

First of all it may be said that the
differing and varied criticisms give a
very interesting insight into the complex
psychology of Hongkong. There do not
seem to be, so much, various shades of
opinion in the different questions in-
volved, as flatly opposing opinions.

A COMPROMISE.

One school of critics say that \$10 per
double ticket is too high, and another
that it is too low. It is impossible to
please both schools, but a compromise
has been made which it is hoped, will
dispose of some objections on both sides.
It has now been decided to include the
Supper with the ticket, without any extra
charge.

The original reason for the extra
charge was that it was doubtful whether
sufficient support would be forthcoming
to cover all expenses and the promoters
did not relish the prospect of having to
put their hands too deeply in their
pockets to make up the deficiency. Now
that there is every prospect of the ex-
penses being covered by the sale of
tickets, the extra charge for the supper
will be abolished.

Another complaint that has been heard
—founded on what it is impossible to
say—was that prices of refreshments
would be exorbitant. So far from this
being the case, it will be found that
prices have been fixed at a level not pre-
viously seen at a public ball.

Now for another objection that is
equally founded on a false assumption.

MARKING NOT COMPULSORY.

The whole idea of the Masked Ball is
that those who find an added enjoy-
ment in dancing from donning a Fancy
Dress and wearing a mask, should be
given the opportunity of doing so. It
is intended for the purpose of helping
to dispel the stiffness so prevalent at
dances in Hongkong.

It is however, not intended that mask-
ing should be a necessary condition of
obtaining entry to the Ball. It can not be
emphasized too often that the only ob-
(Continued on next Column.)

TRAVELLERS' VISAS.

A NECESSITY IN CHINA.

The necessity for travellers entering
China by any overland route, or by any
port, other than a treaty port, possessing
visas to their passports is emphasized in
the current issue of the *Government
Gazette*, which contains the following
notice:—

Travellers entering China by any over-
land route or by any port, other than a
treaty port, are required by Chinese re-
gulations to hold passports which have
been vided by a Chinese Diplomatic or
Consular officer, and it is understood that
these regulations will be strictly applied
in the future.

Cases have occurred recently in which
British travellers have arrived at Man-
chou, the frontier station on the Trans-
Siberian Railway, without Chinese visas.
British subjects applying for passport
facilities for China, should declare their
intention of proceeding by an overland
route, and obtain a Chinese visa before
departure. Should they fail to do so they
are liable to encounter serious difficulties.

Travellers who proceed to China via
Siberia, and Kwantung-leased territory
(Dairen) must also obtain a Japanese
transit visa or, if staying in Dairen en
route, and ordinary Japanese visa.

ject of this Ball is to provide those fond
of dancing with the opportunity of doing
so, under the best-possible conditions.
That is being so, it is obviously open to
all and everyone to make their arrange-
ments to suit their own ideas. Those who
like to make up their own parties and
come in conventional attire, can get as
much enjoyment out of the excellent
music, which is the chief feature of the
Ball, as those who choose to appear, a
deux, Masked.

Chacun a son gout is the maxim to
follow.

It is strange that so little interest has
been shown by purchasers of tickets in
the competition for selecting the favo-
rite dance music. If a considerably
larger number of coupons are not sent
in during the next day or so, it will be
necessary to cancel the competition and
to draw up a programme of dances which
the two bands consider are the most
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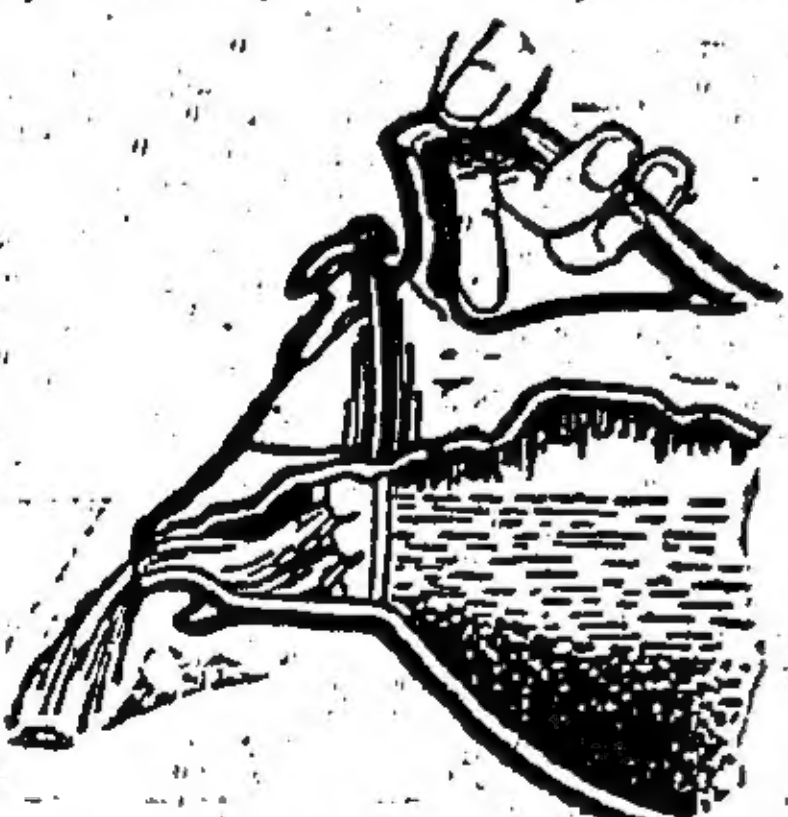
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CEREMONY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

THE PRINCE'S FIRST OFFICIAL FUNCTION IN HONGKONG.

H.R.H. Prince George, K.G., G.C.V.O., acting on behalf of His Majesty the King, held an Investiture at Government House on Saturday morning investing H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), the Hon. Sir Shou Son Chow, K.B., the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., and Mr. George Duncan, M.B.E., with the insignia of the honours recently conferred on them.

His Royal Highness also invested two officers of the 3rd Bn. 2nd Punjab Regiment, with the Order of British India, and Mr. George White with the Albert Medal for gallantry.

His Royal Highness drove to Government House along a route lined with naval units and soldiers. The naval units, selected from every warship in the harbour, lined each side of the road from the Prince of Wales' Gate, Naval Yard, to the Volunteer Headquarters in Garden Road, whence the line on each side was continued by soldiers from the 1st Bn. The East Surrey Regiment up to Government House.

The Royal Guard of Honour was furnished by the Scottish Company of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, and was under the command of Lieut. D. C. Logan, M.C., who is the acting Officer Commanding the Company.

This is the first time in the history of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps that it has been asked to supply a Royal Guard. The company honoured by selection to provide it paraded on the Hongkong Cricket Club Ground at ten o'clock, and headed, by their pipers and drums they marched to Government House, presenting a very smart and striking appearance in their kilts.

Despite the inclemency of the weather, crowds turned out to witness the Prince drive in a motor-car to Government House.

His Royal Highness was preceded by Vice-Admiral Sir Edwyn Alexander Sinclair and Commodore A. J. B. Stirling, who left the Prince of Wales' Gate a quarter of an hour before the open car in which His Royal Highness and his A.D.C. motored to Government House.

His Royal Highness, who wore naval uniform, acknowledged the "present arms" by the naval units and soldiers as his car passed between them and proceeded up Garden Road to Government House.

Arriving at Government House at 11 a.m., His Royal Highness was met by H.E. the Governor, Major-General C. C. Luard, C.M.G., C.B. (G.O.C. the Forces in China), and Vice-Admiral Sir Edwyn Alexander Sinclair. He was received with the Royal Salute, and the band of the 1st East Surrey Regiment played the National Anthem. His Royal Highness inspected the Guard of Honour, which were drawn up on the lawn at the front entrance to Government House, before entering for the purpose of performing the investiture in the Ball Room.

The Band of H.M.S. Hawkins (flagship of the China Station) was in attendance in the Ball Room and played selections while the guests assembled.

The A.D.C.'s on duty for the purpose of showing guests to their seats were Captain Dowbiggin, Captain Swinton, Mr. Whyte and Mr. Forster (the last named being Private Secretary to H.E. the Governor). Captain Steele (A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor) superintended the assembling in the Drawing Room of those who were to take their places on the dais in the Ball Room.

THE PROCESSION.

The procession was formed in the Drawing Room as under—

Captain Johnston, A.D.C.
Hon. Dr. Addison and Hon. Dr. Kotewall.
Hon. Mr. Bird and Hon. Mr. Laug.
Hon. Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Hornell.
His Honour Mr. Justice Wood and Hon. Mr. Holyoak.
Hon. Mr. Creasy and Hon. Mr. Messer.
Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Victoria and Rt. Rev. Father Spada.
The Commodore and His Honour Sir H. Gollan.
Lieut. Halsay, H.R.H. Prince George, H.E. the Commander-in-Chief.
Lieut. Dangerfield and Lieut. Churcher.
The procession entered the Ball Room and advanced to the dais, and when His Royal Highness reached his place on the dais the band played "God Save the King."

THE ROYAL WARRANTS.

With all seated, save those in attendance on His Royal Highness on the dais, the Chief Justice read the warrants authorising H.R.H. Prince George to perform the investiture as follows:

GEORGE THE FIFTH BY THE GRACE OF GOD of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King Defender of the Faith, To Our Most dearly beloved Son His Royal Highness Prince George Edward Alexander Edmund, Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight Grand Sub-Lieutenant in Our Royal Navy, Greeting: Know ye that We do by these Presents Direct and Empower you Our said Dear Son to Confer in our name and upon Our behalf in as full and ample a manner as if the same had been conferred by Us in person the

title degree and honour of a KNIGHT BACHELOR of Our said United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland upon Our trusty and well beloved Cecil Clementi Esquire Companion of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Our Colony of Hongkong, whom We have signified Our intention of promoting to be a Knight Commander of Our said Most Distinguished Order and as under Special Warrant recently issued or to be issued under the Seal of Our said Most Distinguished Order you Our said Dear Son have been or may hereafter be empowered to invest with the insignia of the Second Class of such Order and also to confer in Our name and upon Our behalf the title degree and honour of a KNIGHT BACHELOR of Our said United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland upon Our trusty and well beloved Chow Shou Son Esquire, an official Member of the Legislative Council of Our said Colony, together with all rights privileges and precedents appertaining to a Knight Bachelor of these Our realms in as full and ample a manner as if the same had been conferred by Us in person. In Witness Whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent. Witness Ourself at Westminster the thirtieth day of January in the sixteenth year of Our Reign.

By Warrant under the King's sign manual.

SCHUSTER.

Whereas for the investiture of

Cecil Clementi, Esquire, C.M.G., as a Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George.

George the Fifth, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, Sovereign and Chief of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, to Our Most Dearly Beloved Son, His Royal Highness George Edward Alexander Edmund, Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight Grand Cross of Our Royal Victorian Order, Sub-Lieutenant in Our Royal Navy, Greeting.

Whereas We have been graciously pleased to nominate and appoint Our Trusty and well-beloved Cecil Clementi, Esquire, Companion of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Our Colony of Hongkong, to be Knight Commander of Our said Most Distinguished Order.

And whereas in consequence of the said Cecil Clementi not being in England, the Ceremony of investing him with the insignia of a Knight Commander of Our said Most Distinguished Order cannot be personally performed by Us.

Know ye that We, of Our Princely Grace and Special Favour, do hereby Authorize and Require you, Our Most Dear Son, at such time and place as may appear to you most proper and expedient, to proceed in Our Name and on Our behalf, to confer the title, degree and honour of Knight Bachelor of Our United Kingdom upon him, the said Cecil Clementi and to invest him with the insignia of a Knight Commander of Our said Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George in the most distinguished manner, as directed in and by the Statutes of Our said Most Distinguished Order, wherein you are to take special care that nothing be omitted which may redound to the Honour, Splendour, and Dignity of Our said Most Distinguished Order, and which may at the same time evince Our Royal Regard for the said Cecil Clementi.

And for so doing this shall be your Warrant.

GIVEN at Our Court at Saint James's under Our Sign Manual and the Seal of Our said Most Distinguished Order this Thirtieth day of January, One Thousand nine Hundred and Twenty-six in the Sixteenth Year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's COMMAND.

(Signed) J. S. AMERY.

By The Sovereign's COMMAND.

(Signed) S. J. WILSON.

Acting Chancellor.

SIR CECIL CLEMENTI.

For the investiture of Sir Cecil Clementi, a procession was formed as follows:—First, Captain C. H. Steele, A.D.C., bearing the insignia of K.C.M.G. on a crimson cushion; next, Sir Cecil Clementi with Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., on his left hand, and General Luard, C.M.G., on his right hand. The party advanced to the dais, bowing three times during the advance. Sir Cecil then knelt before His Royal Highness, who touched him lightly on each shoulder with a sword.

The Bishop of Victoria then pronounced the following admonition:—

"Receive the ensigns of a Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George. They shall serve as evidence of your great merit, virtue, and loyalty, and of your reception into this most Distinguished Order, dedicated to virtue and loyalty. Avail yourself of the said Most Distinguished Order, to the Honour of God, to the service of His Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the seas, and for the defence thereof."

This admonition having been read, His Royal Highness motioned Sir Cecil to rise and after placing the insignia upon him shook him by the hand. Sir Cecil, General Luard, and Sir Paul Chater then took their stand on the dais. Captain Steele moved to the side of the front row of guests.

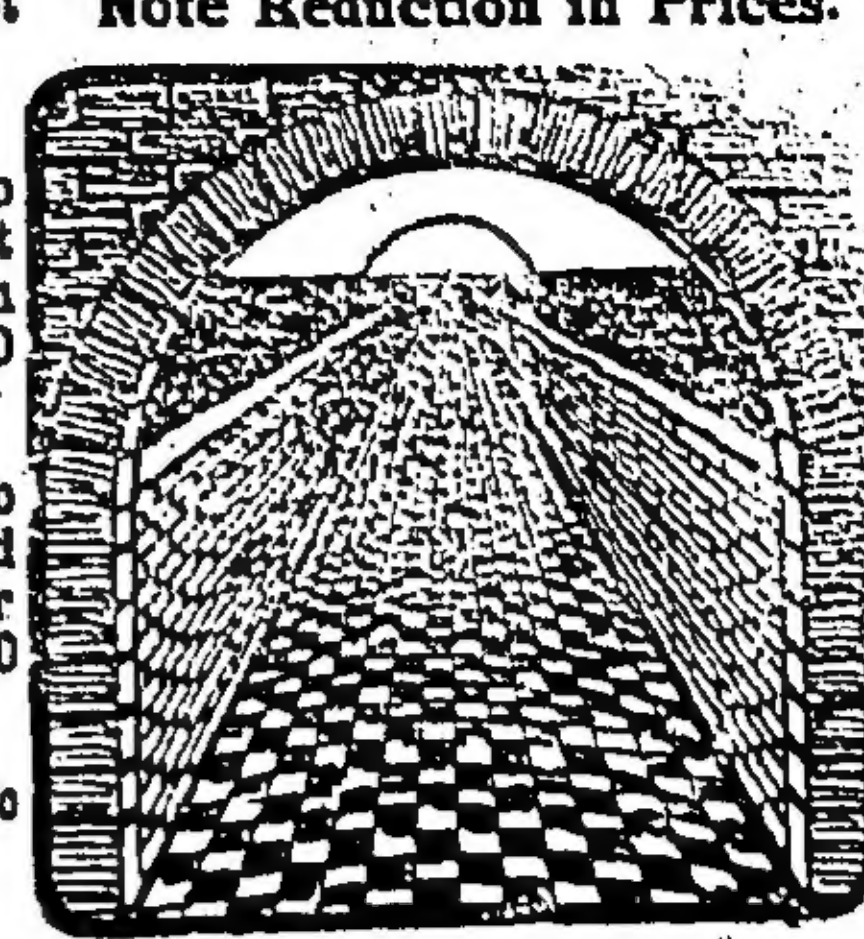
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SIR SHOU SON CHOW.

For the purpose of the investiture of Sir Shou Son Chow a procession was formed as follows:—First, went Captain Swinton holding the Letters Patent appointing Sir Shou Son Chow to be a Knight Bachelor; next, followed Sir Shou Son Chow with Sir Henry Pollock on his right and the Hon. Mr. Tratman, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, on his left hand. The party advanced to the dais bowing three times during the advance. Sir Shou Son Chow then knelt before His Royal Highness, who touched him lightly on each shoulder with a sword. His Royal Highness then motioned Sir Shou Son Chow to rise and shook him by the hand. Thereafter, Sir Shou Son Chow, Sir Henry Pollock and Mr. Tratman took their stand on the dais, while Captain Swinton moved to the side of the front row of guests.

MR. HALLIFAX.

For the purpose of the investiture of the Hon. Mr. Hallifax, a procession was formed as follows:—First, came Captain Dowbiggin bearing on a crimson cushion the insignia of C.M.G.; next, followed Mr. Hallifax with Col. Montague-Bates, C.M.G., on his right hand and Col. Stephen, C.M.G., on his left hand. The party advanced to the dais, bowing three times during the advance. Mr. Hallifax then stood before His Royal Highness who placed upon him the insignia and shook him by the hand. Mr. Hallifax, Col. Montague-Bates and Col. Stephen then took their stand on the dais, while Captain Dowbiggin moved to the side of the front row of guests.

MR. DUNCAN.

For the purpose of the investiture of Mr. Duncan, a procession was formed as follows:—First, came Lieut. Whyte bearing on a crimson cushion the insignia of M.B.E.; next followed Mr. Duncan with the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, C.B.E., on his right hand and Mr. F. C. Jenkin, C.B.E., on his left hand. The party advanced to the dais bowing three times during the advance. Mr. Duncan then stood before His Royal Highness who placed the insignia upon him and shook him by the hand. Mr. Duncan, Mr. Kemp and Mr. Jenkin then took their stand on the dais, and Lieut. Whyte moved to the side of the front row of guests.

PUNJABI OFFICERS.

For the purpose of the investiture of Subadar Major and Hon. Captain Fazal Khan Sirdar Bahadur of the 5th Bn. 2nd Punjab Regiment and Hon. A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor, a procession was formed as follows:—First, came Lieut. G. D. Upson bearing on a crimson cushion the insignia of the Order of British India (First Class), next and immediately behind Lieut. Upson followed Subadar Major, Khan with Colonel Coates on right and Subadar Major Piran Ditta on his left. The party advanced to the dais bowing three times during the advance. Subadar Major Fazal Khan took up position on the right end of the dais and Subadar Major Piran Ditta on the left end of the dais while Lieut. Upson moved to the right side of the room near the dais and joined the other Aides-de-Camp.

ROYAL ALBERT MEDAL.

Mr. George White, supported by Lieut. Commander Hole, R.N., on his right hand carrying the Royal Albert Medal, advanced to the dais bowing three times during the advance. Mr. White then stood before His Royal Highness who placed the medal upon his breast and shook him by the hand. Mr. White and Lieut. Commander Hole then took their allotted places on the dais.

The Medal was conferred in the following statement:—

On the morning of May 4th, 1925, the *s. Paul Beau* was proceeding from Hongkong to Canton when an explosion occurred in the starboard boiler. The two men on duty on the boilers at the time of the accident were Hau Foong and So Hau. Hau Foong was immediately overcome by the stream of boiling water and steam projected into the boiler room, and So Hau, perceiving this, immediately went to his assistance, and at the risk of his own life succeeded in dragging him clear of the scalding water into partial safety. He then made his way up on deck where he collapsed from the severe injuries he had received.

Meanwhile, Mr. White, the Second Engineer, observing a thick cloud of steam rising from the engine and boiler rooms and suspecting what had happened, wrapped his face in wet towelling and made his way through the steam along

the top of the boilers and shut off the valves connecting the boilers to the engines and the valve connecting the two boilers. But for Mr. White's prompt and gallant action there is no doubt that Hau Foong and the two men on duty on the engines would have been suffocated by the escaping steam. Directly the steam began to clear, Mr. White, though badly scalded, took charge, effected the necessary repairs, raised steam again, and thus enabled the ship to be brought safely to the wharf at Canton.

So Hau is unfortunately absent in Canton and it has been found impossible to secure his attendance at the investiture.

THE PRINCE AT A CHINESE DINNER.**NOTABLE FUNCTION AT CHINESE MERCHANTS' CLUB.**

The Hon. Sir Shou Son Chow and Lady Chow gave a dinner at the Chinese Merchants' Club in the evening in honour of His Royal Highness Prince George, H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., and Lady Clementi.

The Club Rooms were decorated in charming style.

Captain Swinton, Captain Dowbiggin and Mr. B. Wong Tape (Secretary of the Chinese Merchants' Club) carried out the duties of masters of ceremonies, effecting the introductions, etc.

The dinner was of an informal character, there being no speeches, but the function proved most enjoyable to the 73 guests present.

During the evening a Chinese string band played selections. An incident of the evening was that His Royal Highness borrowed a Chinese violin from one of the players, but after attempting to play it, gave it up, smilingly remarking that it was "too difficult" for him.

The toast of His Majesty King George was submitted by the Hon. Sir Shou Son Chow during the course of the evening.

THE GUESTS.

The guests as they were paired were as under:—

H.R.H. Prince George and Lady Chow.
Sir Shou Son Chow and Lady Clementi.
H.E. the Governor and Mrs. Luard.
Vice-Admiral Sir E. A. Sinclair and Mrs. Duppy.
Major-General C. C. Luard and Mrs. Creasy.
The Bishop and Lady Pollock.
Sir Henry Gollan and Mrs. Tratman.
Commodore A. J. B. Stirling and Mrs. J. R. Wood.
Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax and Mrs. Luan.
Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp and Mrs. Bird.
Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and Mrs. McElderry.
Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer and Mrs. Kotewall.
Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy and Miss Stirling.
Col. Luard and Mrs. Addison.
Sir Paul Chater and Miss Holyoak.
Sir Henry Pollock and Lady Ho Tung.
Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Mrs. E. Luard.
His Honour J. R. Wood and Mrs. Liang Shih Yi.
Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe and Mrs. Ho Fook.
Mr. W. W. Hornell and Mrs. Ferguson.
Hon. Dr. B. H. Kotewall and Mrs. B. Wong Tape.
Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird and Mrs. Ho Fook.
Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mrs. S. W. Tso.

Also present were:—Mr. Liang Shih Yi, Mr. A. E. Wood, Dr. A. B. Addison, Col. Russell Brown, Mr. Ho Fook, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Captain Lake, Dr. Lew Yuk Lin, Lt.-Col. F. Montague-Bates, Col. Hayley-Bell, Mr. S. B. E. McElderry, Mr. N. R. Shaw, Mr. G. M. Young, Mr. A. H. Ferguson, Paymaster-Commander Woodward, Mr. Duncan, Dr. S. W. Tso, Mr. Ho Kom Tong, Mr. Li Yau Tsun, Captain Dowbiggin, Lieut. Halsay, Captain Steele (A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor), Mr. Forster (Private Secretary to H.E. the Governor), Lieut. Dangerfield, Captain Johnston, Lieut. Churcher, Captain Swinton, Mr. B. Wong Tape, and Mr. Chow Chi Nam.

THE MENU.

The various courses were served in a different manner to the usual Chinese custom, that is they were served in little silver dishes to each person, instead of being placed on the table in one common dish, or bowl.

The menu was as under:—
Bird's Nest Soup.
Fried Garupa.
Shark's Fin.
Prawn Omelette.
Stewed Turtle.
Grilled Chicken and Yunnan Ham.
Breast of Quail.
Rice Mlange.
Plane Mlange in Almond Cream.
Pastry.
Fruits.

CANTON'S NORTHERN EXPEDITION. PAY OF TROOPS TO BE INCREASED.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The Government in Canton is giving its Minister of Finance two months to raise \$5,000,000 for the proposed Northern Expedition. From this it may be taken for granted that the much-talked-of re-inforcements for the "Christian General," Feng Yu Hsiang, in the North, may not be available for some time—if, indeed, the expedition ever starts.

More with a view to prevent the present troops in Canton and vicinity from turning "Right" than anything else, it has been proposed that in the coming Northern Expedition, all men and junior officers of the Kuomintang Army shall have their pay raised. Second class soldiers will have their pay raised from \$8 to \$10 a month; first class, \$10 to \$12.50; corporals, \$12 to \$14; sergeants, from \$14 to \$16; first-sergeants, \$16 to \$20; lieutenants, from \$15 to \$25; and captains, an increase of \$5 from present schedule.

The present army expenditure in Canton amounts to about \$2,400,000 a month, and the proposed new rates would increase the monthly bill considerably.

CHINESE NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEETING.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

It has finally been decided that the National Athletic Meet in China this year shall be held at Canton on October 10th next. The Canton Committee in charge of preparations consists of Mr. Kim Tseng Ching, president of the Canton Educational Association; Mr. Kuo Kum Shek, of Nanyang Bros. Tobacco Company; and Messrs. Yau Ki Chong, Wang Chi Yuan, and Lee Ming Tak, well-known local sportsmen and athletic managers and trainers. The Canton Annual Sports Days this year will be held on May 14th, 15th, and 17th and 18th, with Sunday, the 16th, off for rest and recuperation.

EMIGRATION FROM CANTON.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Upon information that vessels making a specialty of carrying Chinese emigrants to the Straits and ports south from Canton usually have on board women forcibly shipped for immoral purposes, the Canton Police the other day detained five women from the s.s. *Ng Fook* before she sailed. Before the vessels practically all emigrants sailed from Hongkong, and the duty of inspecting outgoing emigrants was undertaken by Hongkong authorities. It is understood that Canton will in future pay more attention to outgoing steamers carrying a large number of emigrants.

COSTLY KEROSINE.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The suspension of the Sunning railway services in the Sze-yang Districts of Kwangtung caused by "anti-imperialist" boycott pickets preventing importation of coal, is responsible for a shortage of kerosine oil. The latest quotation is \$17.60 a case. Before the Kuomintang made kerosine oil a Government monopoly the price of kerosine in these districts never exceeded \$5 a case, but the Kuomintang official price is \$12.50 a case. When communications are interrupted, as they are now, even that high figure is greatly exceeded.

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments made by H.E. the Governor are notified in the *Government Gazette*:

Mr. John Watson to act as Assistant Secretary to the Sanitary Board during the absence on leave of Mr. David Davies.
Mr. Arthur Dyer Ball to act as Assistant Attorney-General, with effect from March 10th.
Capt. Robert Melville Smith, M.B.E., to be in command of the Infantry Detachment of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, during the absence on leave of Lieut.-Colonel Lennox Godfrey Bird, D.S.O., or until further notice, with effect from March 14th.
Capt. Robert Melville Smith, M.B.E., to act as Major and Administrative Commandant of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, during the absence on leave of Lieut.-Colonel Lennox Godfrey, D.S.O.

NAVAL APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments were made by the Admiralty:

On February 5th: Lieuts. R. C. Todhunter, to *Durban*; R. J. H. Ryan, to *Despatch* (February 15th); D. A. Parker, to *Durban* (undated); P. W. Brock, to *Moorhen* (March 5th).
On February 8th: Sub-Lieuts. K. R. Buckley, to *Despatch*; E. B. D. Fremantle, to *Hollyhock*; E. J. S. James, to *Foglove*.
On February 9th: Comdr. H. F. B. Handley, to *Magnolia*, addl. (March 14th), and in command (undated).
On February 8th: Engr.-Comdr. H. H. Gordon, to *Titanic* (March 1st).

LOCAL SCOUTS RALLY. INTERESTING DISPLAY GIVEN AT HEADQUARTERS HOUSE.

The grounds of Headquarters House, drab-hued with Autumn's brush, presented a festive scene on Saturday afternoon, when the Hongkong Boy Scouts, by kind permission of H.E. the General Officer Commanding, Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., held their annual Rally and started the competition for the Prince of Wales's Banner for the current year.

The Senior Scout Officers, in-charge of Saturday's arrangements were the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Commissioner, Col. T. Robertson, Assistant Commissioner; Mr. C. H. Blason, Honorary Treasurer; Mr. A. White, Honorary Secretary and District Scout Master.

The foregoing were assisted in the judging by Acting Scout Master Roberts (recently arrived from Malta), Capt. R. D. Williams, Dr. and Mrs. Minnett (who is also a fully qualified practitioner) and the Rev. E. A. Rigden, R.N., of H.M.S. *Vindictive*.

The following Troops took part:—
1st Troop under Scout-Master Bragg.
2nd Troop under Scout-Master Jackson.
3rd Troop under Scout-Master Williams.
4th Troop under Scout-Master Butcher.
5th Troop under Scout-Master Gittens.
6th Troop under Assistant-Scout-Master Leung.
7th Troop under Scout-Master Kong.
12th Troop under Scout-Master Lo.
15th Troop under Scout-Master Hon Fuk Fai.
25th Troop under Assistant-Scout-Master Ng Hong San.

A party of Sea Scouts acted as orderlies to the officials.

It is interesting to note that the 20th Troop, which was only formed late last year, happened to be starting on a hike on the day of the fire at the Hongkong Hotel. They at once went to the scene and did most excellent work throughout the day.

PROCEEDINGS OPEN.

After the Scouts had been drawn up and had the details of the Banner Competition explained to them by the Commissioner, they were inspected by Colonel Robertson.

Following the inspection, the Banner Competition commenced. The tests carried out on Saturday were:—

(1) Demonstration of uses to which the Scout Staff can be put, with the exception of staff drill (under the Commissioner).

(2) Observation of a certain number of articles for a given time, at the conclusion of which the competitors had to turn away. The position of some of the articles was then changed and a further inspection allowed to point out what changes had been made.

This competition was in charge of Mr. Blason and Rev. E. A. Rigden, R.N., who expressed themselves as well-satisfied with the results.

(3) Signalling. Each squad had to take down a message sent by Sgt. S.M. Roberts. The message was sent just once at a reasonable speed, after which competitors were allowed time to write out a fair copy of what they had taken down, both copies to be handed to the judge.

(4) A map-making test was set by Scout-Master White, for which squads of 4 only were eligible.

(5) First Aid Test, in which the following posters were set by Captain Williams:—

(1) How to treat fracture of the lower jaw; arterial bleeding at fore-arm; a burnt back! Patient to be carried to "hospital" on what is known as the four-handed seat.

(2) The second test called for treatment of fracture of ribs; bleeding under arm-pit; burn on thigh. Patient to be carried by "Fireman's lift."

The Judges were Dr. and Mrs. Minnett, who both expressed themselves well-pleased at the knowledge and ingenuity displayed by the competitors.

Dr. Minnett was especially pleased with the 50th Troop for their treatment of the patient with fractured ribs.

"After the fractured ribs had been bound up in the ordinary way," said Dr. Minnett, "the Scouts in addition to the use of two artificial splints had bound the patient's arms firmly to his sides, thus rendering the fractured ribs immovable."

Those Scouts not taking part in the competitions, indulged in various games before an interested audience, which included the General Officer Commanding, and Mrs. Luard, Colonel and Mrs. Luard, Dr. Sir Eric and Lady Stuart Taylor, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Minnett, Mr. Melville Smith, Mrs. Skelton, Mr. and Mrs. Talati, Miss Fleming, Capt. R. Q. F. Johnston, A.D.C. and Mrs. D. W. Morley. Ten was provided for the 300 Scouts present by Colonel and Mrs. Robertson, while the officers and visitors were entertained by Major-General and Mrs. Luard.

COMMISSIONER'S SPEECH.

At the conclusion of the competitions the Scouts were drawn up on the tennis court and briefly addressed by the Commissioner, who stated that he was well-satisfied with the day's proceedings. He regretted that the unavoidable absence of the Chief Scout (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) necessitated the postponement of the presentation of the Prince of Wales's Banner and also the decoration of Scout-Master Bragg with the Silver Cross, awarded him for work done at the time of the Po Hing Fong disaster.

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CHINESE CONCEPTION OF CHRIST.

MR. KOO AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

There was a full congregation at St. John's Cathedral yesterday morning, when the pulpit was occupied by Mr. T. Z. Koo, who is engaged in work among students in connection with the Y.M.C.A. and is on a brief visit to Hongkong.

He said that it was unfortunate that so little was known of the life of Christ, but to him personally there were three factors in that life which enabled him to understand it. First, was the complete certainty of God which Christ always had; a certainty which never for a moment left Him. With apt and poetical metaphors he described the life of the young Christ, and as proof of the certainty of God in His life, he cited the finding of Him at the age of twelve in the Temple, and His last words on the cross: "Into Thy hands I commend my spirit."

The second great factor in the life of Christ was His absolute surrender to the work of His Father, and the third factor was His unwavering confidence and trust in God. "The speaker felt that it was in these simple terms that the life of Christ should be seen; but it seemed to him that these realities were being missed owing to the obstructions set around His life by so many creeds. He felt that all that was needed was a knowledge of Christ's personality, and he felt that with the knowledge of the factors which he had shown, the task was a very simple one. He looked upon Christ as the champion of the poor, and deplored the laxity, the oppression and the plunder of the age. He felt that there was too much pride of the individual, too much pride of nation and of race, and thought that the life of the average so-called Christian was not what it ought to be, and so Christianity was misconstrued and misunderstood by non-Christians. He appealed that men should go back to Christ, and understand Him as He really was.

Mr. Koo spoke forcefully, with an easy flow of simple and clear-cut English, and his delivery was excellent. The feature of the address was his own transparent honesty, and his devout, and withal beautiful conception of Christ. It is perhaps not too much to say that such men as he will be the eventual rejuvenators of China.

Mr. Koo and the Rev. R. O. Hall, who arrived with Mr. Koo, and is assisting him in his work in Hongkong, were entertained at the Hongkong University yesterday afternoon by the University Christian Association who had arranged a social gathering in their honour.

Last evening the Rev. R. O. Hall, M.C., M.A., British Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., preached at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon. The anthem, "Turn thy face from thy sins" was sung during the service.

This evening and to-morrow evening Mr. Koo conducted religious meetings in St. John's Hall, Bonham Road, for the University students.

ANOTHER TOURIST BOAT.

"RESOLUTE" DUE TO-DAY.

Another around-the-world tourist liner will arrive in Hongkong to-day, this being the *Resolute*, scheduled to arrive at daylight.

The *Resolute* will be the fourth around-the-world tourist ship to call at Hongkong this season, the previous liners calling being the *Carinthia* last November, the *Helgeland* in January and the R.M.S. *Empress of Scotland* during Chinese New Year.

After the *Resolute* has called here two more tourist ships remain to call at Hongkong this season. These are the two Cunarders *Laconia* and *Franconia*. The former is due on Saturday morning and the latter on Sunday next. Both are completing the same circuit, but in opposite directions, Hongkong being the point at which they meet and pass each other.

The world tour of the *Resolute* is this year under the control of the United American Lines, the owners of the vessels; while the local agents are Messrs. W. Farmer & Co.

He trusted that those troops, who had not completed on Saturday, would do so next time and that those who had not done well in the competitions to date, would not be disappointed but, on the contrary, would strive the harder for improvement. He mentioned that while there were 70 uses to which the Scout Staff could be put, only 22 had been demonstrated that day, and he relied upon the Scout Masters to encourage further study along this line.

The Commissioner thanked Major-General and Mrs. Luard for their generosity in throwing the grounds open to them and thus enabling them to hold their annual Rally in such ideal surroundings.

The Commissioner then called for three cheers for Major-General and Mrs. Luard, which were heartily given.

WARRANTS PRESENTED.

The next proceeding was the handing of the warrants to Colonel Robertson, Assistant Commissioner; to Mrs. Melville Smith, Lady Cub Master; to Scout-Master Williams; and Assistant Scout-Masters White, Sheu, Ng Ong Sai, and B. M. Talati.

The singing of the National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL. ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

The annual distribution of prizes in connection with the Diocesan Girls' School at Kowloon took place on Friday, when the Right Rev. G. R. Duppuy (Bishop of Victoria) presided. Others present were Mrs. Duppuy, the Rev. H. Copley Meyle, the Rev. G. R. Lindsay, the Rev. G. E. Arrowsmith, Miss H. D. Sawyer (headmistress), and Miss Dulmage.

In his introductory remarks, the Bishop paid tribute to the excellent work on behalf of the School that the late Miss Ferguson had done during the time that she was Headmistress. Miss Sawyer, who had taken her place, had had experience in India and elsewhere and under her guidance there was every evidence that the school would continue to progress.

The Headmistress in her annual report said that there were over 200 children on the School register for 1925. She spoke of the grief which the death of Miss Ferguson had occasioned to herself, the staff and the scholars, and eulogised her work at the school. The work of the school had been, according to the report of the Education Department, very satisfactory. She appealed to the parents of the children to help the school staff in their work.

MRS. DUPPUY DISTRIBUTES PRIZES.

The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Duppuy as follows:—

CLASS PRIZES.

Class 1, Dorothy Ray; Class 2, Thalia Prata; Class 3, Phyllis Anderson; Class 4, Molly Churn; Class 5, Alice Wood; Class 5R, Sarah Wong; Class 6, Cynthia Silva; Class 7, Stella Ho Ip; Class 8A, Dennis Gregor; Class 8M, Mark Mei and Class K.G., Gladys Gardner.

SCRIPTURE PRIZES.

Class 1, Grace Ho Tung; Class 2, Thalia Prata; Class 3, Sadie Thorburn; Class 4, Molly Churn; Class 5, Jessie Wong; 5R, Remove, Sarah Wong; Class 6, Rita Edwards; Class 7, John Mackay; Class 8A, Dennis Gregor; 8 MId, Betty Williams and K.G., Henry Rathson.

DRAWING PRIZES.

Class 1, Dorothy Ray; Class 2, Eva Coysh; Class 3, Ruby Chue; Class 4, Molly Churn; Class 5, Mabel Willis; Class 5, Ivy Kan; Class 6, Biddy Lee; Class 7, Stella Ho Ip and Class 8A, Carrie Yue.

NEEDLEWORK PRIZES.

Class 1, Vanda Remedios; Class 2, Ofelia Barretto; Class 3, Marjorie Wallis; Class 4, Eva Lang; Class 5, Carmen Prata; Class 6, Rita Edwards; Class 7, Carrie May and Class 8, Carrie Yue.

Lady Ho Lung's Prize (awarded on the votes of the Staff and the girls) Molly Churn.

Pennic Cup, Class 3; won it in 1925; players, Phyllis Anderson and Alice Rosa.

Captain Ball, Class 5; won the Shield 1926.

AMERICAN TOURNAMENT, MISS MASON AND GRACE HO TUNG.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

Matriculation: Dorothy Ray, Distinction in English and History (the only student to enter).

Senior: 8 entered 7 passed, viz., Benrice Choa. (Distinction in needlework), Grace Ho Tung, Marie Kavama, Winifred Kew, Vanda Remedios (Distinction in needlework), Marie Silva and Janet Thorburn.

Junior: 10 entered, 10 passed, viz., Mercedes Alves, Ofelia Barretto (Distinction in English and Needlework), Eva Coysh (Distinction in Needlework), Alda Figueiredo (Distinction in Needlework), Maria Gomes, Margaret Cross (Distinction in English), Rosie Ponsonby (Distinction in Needlework), Thalia Prata (Distinction in Needlework), Violet Shea and Dorothy Wyan-Williams.

Leard Scholarship: Phyllis Anderson and Irene Gittens.

Pitman's shorthand (second elementary): Agnes Brown, Majorie Walter and Rosie Ponsonby.

On the motion of the Rev. G. R. Lindsay, a vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs. Duppuy.

An entertainment was given by the junior pupils of the School.

THE LIQUORS ORDINANCE.

NEW GENERAL BONDED WAREHOUSES.

In exercise of the powers vested in him by the provisions of the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance, 1911, H.E. the Governor in Council has approved and appointed the premises at West Point, the property of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., to be general bonded warehouses for the warehousing of dutiable liquors.

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ARMS SEIZURES.

The police raided a house in the village of Ngau Shi Wan, Kowloon new district, on Friday, and seized one revolver, two holsters and two daggers, and arrested a Chinese woman living there.

Two Chinese were arrested by Inspector Shannon at the Hung Hom Ferry Wharf on Friday, when two automatic pistols and 100 rounds of ammunition were found in their possession. They appeared at the Central Magistracy on Saturday on a charge of possession of arms. The two revolvers were concealed in a jam tin, and the ammunition in a bronze pot. The case was remanded.

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H. M. NAVAL YARD, Hongkong, 11th March, 1926. [3212]

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Hongkong, 15th March, 1926. [3217]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Hongkong, 15th March, 1926. [3214]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE Following is the Provisional List of Dates upon which EXTRA MEETINGS will be held this Season—

3rd APRIL, 1st MAY, 5th JUNE, 2nd OCTOBER and EARLY NOVEMBER.

By Order, **C. B. BROWN, Secretary.**

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

It is Regretted that the State of the Race Course will not PERMIT of its Use for School Sports or Athletic Meetings.

R. J. PATTERSON, Clerk of the Course.

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COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

DURING MY ABSENCE from the Colony Mr. C. B. MILES will Take Temporary Charge of This COMPANY'S AGENCY until Further Notice.

R. BODENFUESS, Agent.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1926. [3201]

INTIMATIONS

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

THE THIRTY SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, 17th MARCH, 1926, at 11 o'clock in the Forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1925, and declaring a Dividend.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 3rd MARCH, 1926, until WEDNESDAY, 17th MARCH, 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, **SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.**

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HONGKONG ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the HONGKONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held in the Office of Messrs. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th DAY OF MARCH, 1926, at 11.00 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended on the 31st December, 1925, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED From the 15th To the 24th MARCH, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, **S. COURTNEY COOK, Secretary.**

Hongkong, 9th March, 1926. [3296]

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Underwriter on FRIDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1926, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended on the 31st December, 1925.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED From the 12th to the 25th MARCH, 1926, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 5th March, 1926. [3275]

NOTICE.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

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PAUL LAUDER, General Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1926. [3238]

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Dated the 10th day of March, 1926. [3297]

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

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HONGKONG, MARCH 15TH, 1926.

OUR DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

ALTHOUGH, under normal circumstances, Hongkong is to be reckoned amongst the three biggest ports of the world, there is far less opportunity to listen to stimulating addresses than is offered to citizens of some of the quiet and commercially unimportant towns in Great Britain. We have many distinguished visitors passing through the Colony in the course of a year, but we seem to have no machinery for arranging with them for lectures or addresses on the subjects with which their names are identified. For some years General FOWLER resided in Hongkong and on his return to England he delivered an interesting lecture on the Chinese armies. Entertaining to read, it would have been delightful to listen to and to discuss subsequently in Hongkong. It has been truly said that man cannot live by bread alone and cannot thrive by work alone. We all need to be, as it were, lifted out of our ruts. The cinema is popular for the purpose and appeals particularly to certain minds; others appreciate another style of intellectual stimulus. Recently we have all been compelled to think very seriously about the changing conditions of life in the Far East, and consequently all who have listened to such an accomplished speaker as Mr. T. Z. Koo, who has been giving addresses in this Colony during the past week, have been greatly interested in his points of view. He has thrown some light on a dark picture. He has returned to his own country after obtaining the benefit of travels in India, Europe and America. He has met statesmen and earnest social workers in many countries. From the distance he has been able to discern the frothy element in the human family which so often rises to the top for a short space of time and then disappears entirely. W. S. GILBERT wrote nothing wittier and

nothing more true than that verse in which, he said that Society was like a glass of ginger-pop, "the dregs are at the bottom and the froth is at the top." Mr. Koo seems to suggest that idea in his general surveys of world-affairs today; on the other hand, by his own presence (if we leave out of account his words which are by no means negligible) he makes us realise that the clock cannot be turned back in China. For all the chaos and confusion that exists in the eighteen provinces to-day one fact emerges so definitely that nobody can even question it. That fact is the thirst for knowledge in all classes of the community. The generals and the politicians come and go with amazing rapidity in China, but the demand for instruction in Western ideas and theories continues and increases at a rate that is simply amazing. The houseboy in his leisure moments ponders over the Anglo-Chinese dictionary; the apprentice and the workman struggle to read books about their craft; a crowd quickly collects round any motor-car that has the machinery exposed; the school-boys and students are spell-bound by any stories about modern ideas, whether they be about communism or aeroplanes, sociology or wireless. "Old China hands" may sigh for the days of ignorance, but China is out to acquire Western knowledge and is doing so. It is still true that knowledge grows but wisdom lingers. LEONITZ preached, in the eighteenth century, that we live in the best of all possible worlds and that it is improved, gradually, in all ways so as to be transformed into an earthly paradise. The darker aspects of human experience unfortunately provide incontestable facts that, at times, it is a wicked world, a grim world, and a disappointing world. The last ten years have made many agree with the pessimists. The strong-minded and the really sane, however, realise that, for all our cataclysmic experiences, life is well worth living as it is anyway interesting and always full of adventure and fine opportunities. Europe has at last escaped the pessimism that swept over Asia like a wave after the appearance of the Buddha, and perhaps Asia is now experiencing a violent reaction, with hopes too high and beliefs in sudden remedies for human ills too fervid. For Young Asia, like Young Europe, is sanguine of a happier and better world. Mr. Koo has told us, as so many other preachers have told us, that the root of the trouble is inability to see the other fellow's point of view. A few days ago we reprinted the address given by the late Dr. SUN when he visited the Hongkong University. We would welcome addresses on general topics of interest by prominent Chinese who have a good command of English. In Hongkong we all want to promote Anglo-Chinese friendship. We suggest that a small committee should be formed to arrange for the reception of eminent Chinese and others who pass through this Colony and who would give a public address, as did Mr. Koo, at the University on some non-religious and non-political subject of interest.

His Honour the Chief Justice has ordered the next Criminal Sessions to be held on Monday, March 22nd.

The 2nd Battalion, Duke of Wellington's Regiment, arrived at Singapore recently on the transport *Derbyshire*.

Capt. Hugh Fitzherbert Bloxham is to temporarily act as an Assistant Superintendent of Police, with effect from March 8th.

The *Jules Michlet*, the flagship of Admiral Basire, returned to Hongkong yesterday afternoon. The usual salutes were exchanged.

The Kennedy Town Hospital has been appointed to be a Government quarantine station for the purposes of the Vaccination Ordinance, 1922.

Three Chinese cases of enteric fever were notified to the Medical Officer of Health on the 12th inst. All occurred in the Victoria registration district.

The late Mr. James Tullock (95), of Devonshire Road, Aberdeen, merchant, formerly engaged in the China tea trade, left £10,737 (personal estate in Great Britain).

Capt. R. A. E. Neville, Royal Marines, who was aide-de-camp to Sir Edward Stubbs in Hongkong, has been appointed private secretary to the Governor of Ceylon.

The P. & O. s.s. *Assaye* has been accepted by the Government as a transport, and was to sail from Southampton on March 4th with naval and military ratings for the Far East.

A Chinese woman mendicant was knocked down by a motor-lorry on the Pokfulam Road, near Third Street, on Friday, and succumbed to her injuries on the way to hospital.

This morning a passenger train
ed with a goods train near Hi
resulting in serious injuries
people.

CABLES

[REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.]

"WETS" AND "DRYS."

THE PROHIBITION WAR IN AMERICA.

New York, March 14th.

The unprecedentedly spirited fight between the "wets" and "drys" has come to a head with the announcement that the "wets" have hitherto secured a 10 to 1 majority in the so-called newspaper "straw vote" on whether the Volstead Law will stand or be amended to permit the sale of light wines and beer.

The "drys" assert they warned their supporters not to participate in the ballot. Nevertheless, they have requested an audience with President Coolidge, and urge vigorous maintenance of the law.

Senate representatives every day listen to disputations in the Judiciary Committee. The Senate has considered several measures aiming at modification, and several Senators have threatened, if the measures are pigeonholed, they will raise the question on the floor of the Senate.

The South Carolina Senator, Mr. Blaine, speaking at a Politicians' Banquet, said that Washington was notoriously wet, especially the Capital. "The trouble is the Congressmen vote dry, and think wet."

THE "CATHART" CASE.

IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONER RESIGNS AS A SEQUEL.

New York, March 14th.

The Immigration Commissioner Mr. Henry F. Curran who came into prominence in connection with the Countess of Cathcart case has resigned.

The Countess of Cathcart was barred from entering the United States on the ground that having been divorced, she had been guilty of moral turpitude. This ruling was upset by the Courts, however, and she was allowed to enter the country.

COMMISSIONER'S SUCCESSOR.

New York, March 14th.

Mr. Benjamin Day, succeeds the Immigration Commissioner Mr. Curran.

"COLOURED EARTH."

LARGE SEIZURE OF CHAMPAGNE IN AMERICA.

New York, March 14th.

A daring attempt to smuggle liquor was revealed today when Customs officials announced the seizure of champagne, to a value exceeding \$100,000, on a bottle price basis, aboard two well-known American liners engaged in the round the world tourist traffic.

The champagne, which totalled over 200 cases, was in 200 barrels, marked "Coloured Earth."

The discovery of the contents was made accidentally when one barrel fell on the floor and broke open.

The others were immediately opened and each was found to contain two cases of liquor secreted under layers of earth. Customs officers then awaited the arrival of the other steamer which, unloaded about a hundred barrels similarly marked.

New York, March 14th. Feeling is running high over the ethics of General Smalley Butler's action in ordering the arrest of his host, Colonel Williams, at a dinner given to the General on taking command of the marines at San Diego for a breach of the prohibition laws.

A society event in his honour has been cancelled, and his action has resulted in doubling the "wet" votes in a newspaper poll on the "dry" laws.

CLOSING OF R.C. CHURCHES.

SERIOUS CONFLICT IN MEXICO.

New York, March 14th.

A message from Tepic, Nayarit, Mexico, says that an armed conflict ensued as a result of the Government's attempt to close a Roman Catholic Church, near Jalisco, in which three persons, representing the authorities, were killed and several people wounded, "seriously." It appears that the priest had not complied with the closing law and was standing his ground against Presidential orders with the backing of his flock. When Government representatives proceeded to carry out the official decree they encountered an infuriated mob of men, women and children.

AMERICAN "SUMMER TIME."

New York, March 14th.

Summer Time begins in New York on April 25th.

TENNIS IN FRANCE.

AMERICAN LADIES' SUCCESS IN CHAMPIONSHIPS.

New York, March 14th.

In the semi-finals of the South of France Championships, Miss Helen Wills beat the Hungarian Madame Peterie 6-2, 6-2, and the Bostonian Miss Isabelle Lee Mumford, hitherto unknown on the Riviera, beat the Englishwoman, Miss Eileen Bennett, 4-6, 6-3, 6-0, making an all American final.

LATER.

Miss Wills beat Miss Mumford in the final by 6-0, 6-1.

AMERICAN TENNIS.

PALM, March 12th.

Vincent Richards by defeating Harada, 4/6, 6/1, 6/1, 6/3, won the Palm Beach title.

C.P.R. S.S. "EMPEROR OF AUSTRALIA."

TO BE RE-ENGINEED AND RE-BOILERED.

Great interest is evinced in shipbuilding circles in Great Britain as to the outcome of the tenders submitted by eight leading firms for the re-engineing and re-boiling of the Canadian Pacific liner *Empress of Australia*. This vessel—formerly the German-built *Tirpitz*, surrendered to Britain under the provisions of the Treaty of Versailles—is at present fitted with a machinery installation which comprises the Rottinger hydraulic reduction gear and a set of water-tube boilers, and it is the intention of the Canadian Pacific Company, it is stated, to have these replaced by single reduction geared turbines of 21,000 s.h.p., with 200 deg. superheat, and a range of 14 Scotch single-ended boilers. Under the existing arrangement neither the turbines nor the propellers have, we learn, been operating at economical speeds, and hence the decision of the owners to adopt measures which are undoubtedly of the best order. The tenders for this big job were delivered in London on February 1st and the outcome is being awaited with keen interest in marine engineering circles.

OBSERVATORY RETURNS.

TEMPERATURES AND RAINFALL FOR FEBRUARY.

The Royal Observatory returns for February show that the average mean temperature was 60, the highest being 74.4 on the 10th, and the lowest 48.8 on the 24th. There were 68.1 hours of sunshine and 2.40 inches of rain, whilst the average humidity was 82.

The rainfall for the month of February at the Botanical Gardens was 2.58 in on 11 days; at the Maitland Hospital, Mount Kellett, it was 2.40 in on 7 days, and at the Police Station, Taiipo, it was 1.82 in on 5 days.

The lowest reading of the barometer (M.S.L.) was 29.61 in. at 10h. on the 5th.

The maximum squall velocity, as recorded by the Dines-Baxendell anemograph, was at the rate of 46 miles per hour at 10h. 30m. on the 16th.

A DOG BITE.

CHINESE BOY DIES IN HOSPITAL.

A Chinese boy, aged 14 years, died in the Government Civil Hospital on Friday from hydrophobia, as the result of being bitten in the hand by a stray dog in Des Vaux Road West on February 14th. The boy had only a slight wound in his hand, and his mother did not consider it serious.

Some time after, the dog, which was found to belong to Mr. A. J. C. Taylor, a Police accountant, was captured by the police, and was put in a cage in the Wai-chai district, where it subsequently died.

As the animal was suspected to be afflicted with rabies the carcass was sent to the Government Bacteriologist.

HONGKONG AMUSEMENTS.

THIS WEEK'S ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMMES.

Another series of exceedingly attractive programmes, containing pictures that cannot fail to appeal to all tastes will be offered by the Hongkong Amusements throughout this week.

Yesterday at the Queen's Theatre the film version of the story by Zane Grey, "The Riders of the Purple Sage" was given. This picture dramatised with adventure and excitement, dealing as it does with the life of the Mormons in Utah, while it stars Tom Mix in the role of the hard-riding Lasser. In addition to the picture programme last night, the symphony orchestra of H.M.S. *Jackie* played a number of selections, which were, as usual, thoroughly enjoyed. "Riders of the Purple Sage" will be shown again to-day.

STAR THEATRE.

At the Star Theatre, Kowloon last night, Miss Xenia Makletsova, the famous ballerina of the Metropolitan Theatre, New York, and her partner M. D. Bines, gave another excellent display of classical dances, which were as much admired and enjoyed as on Saturday night. Mr. Harry Ore also appeared at the piano and Mr. Aquino, a local tenor of merit sang. There was a full house.

For to-morrow and Wednesday at the Star Theatre there will be shown "The Song of Life," a First National attraction.

The Royal Hawaiians, after a successful run at the Queen's Theatre, also appear at the Star Theatre to-morrow and Wednesday.

At the week-end there will be Mr. R. R. Salisbery's "Quinta" appearing in "No. No. Nanette," the great success of the West end of London, and the famous racing story "The Sport of Kings."

INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY.

LONDON, March 14th.

In a hockey match at Abergavenny England defeated Wales by four goals to nil.

OBITUARY.

MR. LEOPOLD SCHEPP, MIL- LIONAIRE PHILANTHROPIST.

New York, March 14th. The death has occurred of the millionaire philanthropist and coconut importer Mr. Leopold Schepp, who started business at the age of ten, with a capital of eighteen cents.

MR. EDWARD SCRIPPS.

Mr. Edward Scripps, the founder of the Scripps-Howard chain of newspapers, has died on board his yacht *Liberia*.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

OLD BOYS RE-UNION DINNER.

A PLEASANT FUNCTION AT QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

A gathering of over two hundred former students and guests, the majority being old boys, assembled at Queen's College on Saturday night, the occasion being the sixth annual re-union dinner of the Queen's College Old Boys' Association.

The playground and steps leading to the entrance of the College were brilliantly illuminated with strings of coloured electric fairy lamps; while inside, in addition to the ordinary lighting scheme, there was a similar brilliant display of coloured lights suspended across the Hall of the College in which the dinner was held and around the balcony. At one end of the balcony, immediately opposite the Chairman's table, was hung the electrically illuminated letters "Q.C.O.B.A." and opposite these were five Chinese lanterns showing the same letters. In the centre of the Hall was suspended a huge Chinese lantern, which gave a finishing touch to the decorative scheme.

The tables were attractively laid and an excellent repast was served by the Hongkong Hotel.

During dinner, a string orchestra from H.M.S. *Banker* played a number of very enjoyable selections.

An interesting incident was the ringing of the school bell to summon the guests to the repast, by Mr. R. J. Remedios, the oldest student, who left the College fifty years ago.

PRINCIPAL GUESTS.

The function was ably presided over by Mr. George Grimbley (President of the Q.C.O.B.A.), and others present included Mr. Lee Hy San (Vice-President of the Association), Mr. A. H. Crook (Headmaster of Queen's College and also a Vice-President of the Q.C.O.B.A.), Mr. R. J. Remedios, Mr. C. G. Anderson (Hon. Secretary of the Association), Colonel F. Trevelyan, Dr. C. C. Wang, Professor R. K. M. Simpson, Messrs. V. Kay, Lo Cheung Shiu, M. K. Lo, H. K. Leung, E. S. Carter, Wong Kwong Tin, Ho Wing, T. Oliphant, A. Brown, W. Jackson, S. M. Chum, M. H. Lo, Chow Ping, A. T. Hamilton, Lo Yung, E. J. Edwards, Fung Man Sui, J. H. Ralston, H. S. Lee and J. C. Fletcher, S. J. C. Choa, The Ching Fong, Edward Ho Tung and Ho Lu.

The toasts to "The King" and "The Republic of China" were submitted respectively by the President and Mr. Lee Hy San.

PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.

The President in proposing the toast of "Queen's College" said—

"Mr. Crook and Gentlemen—I must beg your kind attention for a few moments while I propose a toast which I know you will all honour with great pleasure—with as much pleasure as it gives me to propose it—and I assure you that it is saying a good deal. I mean, as you have already guessed 'Queen's College.' We are all members of the Queen's College Old Boys' Association, and are very proud of our Alma Mater. (Applause.)"

"If I remember rightly I think I told you from this chair, just about a year ago, that to the members of the Q.C.O.B.A. Queen's College could be compared to good wine which, as the saying goes, needs no bush, or to a good cause which needs no talking, and that it could also stand its ground without being bespattered by after dinner praise."

"Our Association to-day is a body which numbers now about 750 members. We are doing all we possibly can with our funds to further the interests of the College, and to benefit, as far as we possibly can, the present scholars. We have allotted sufficient funds for the permanent endowment of two annual scholarships of \$50 each to perpetuate the memory of Mr. Tsang Chun, and the late Mr. Ng In. As our funds increase it is our hope to go on with the good work. (Applause.)"

A special subscription was raised last year towards the cost of a demand draft on London which was presented to Mr. Tanner, the late Headmaster, on his retirement last October, to enable him to buy a small touring car. "So that he shouldn't forget us" was the idea at the back of our heads at the time of the presentation, but I have since thought that in the case of any minor accidents he will also most probably "bless us" (Laughter.) We old boys were very sorry to lose Mr. Tanner. I will not dilate on the many good services rendered by him whom we all looked upon as a friend, nor on the upright and manly conduct that characterised his course in life, winning for him as it has done, the esteem of all.

As a friend, as a man, as a citizen, he has gained golden opinions and that fair fame that ever crowns the worker of good deeds. (Applause.)

THE PAST YEAR.

The Grim Reaper has treated us most unkindly since our last re-union in this hall, and it is with great regret that I have to report the passing on of the following members of this association:—Mr. Laing Lau Hsun, a former Chinese Consul to Australia; the Hon. Mr. Chan Siu Ki; Mr. Ho Cheuk; Mr. C. H. Lyson; Mr. M. B. Safford and Mr. H. H. Taylor. The year 1925 has been a memorable though not a very happy year for Hongkong and Queen's College. I see from the school magazine that the year began auspiciously and that in May it looked as if 1925 was to be one of the best years ever experienced by our Alma Mater. Then came the agitators and the strike, and a sorry mess of things they made. Fortunately, Queen's College, and the Colony, though sorely wounded, pulled through, and now both look forward to the future with confidence.

I am so happy to note that our present scholars appreciate the fact that they are applying a devotion to their studies under the most benevolent educational regime in the Empire. I am so pleased,

too, to see that they are ready and willing to participate in all the numerous advantages that this College offers and to enjoy that sense of protection which recent experiences have taught us are not obtainable outside the confines of our beautiful island. The times are still sorely out of joint, but I feel sure that you will also join me in the expression of the hope that nothing may intervene to thwart any attempts to secure a happy understanding of the mutual requirements of the inhabitants at the ends of the chain of commerce that lines the greatest trade emporium in the world, and that the rehabilitation of our intercourse will be cemented in such a manner that we may readily and everlastingly forget the events that have disturbed our hitherto happy social and commercial relations with the Province of Kwangtung, and Canton in particular. (Applause.)

My next duty is to congratulate one of our most esteemed old boys, Dr. C. C. Wang, on his appointment to the Chair of Pathology in the University of Amoy. We are really proud of you, Doctor, and trust you will be able to find time to visit Hongkong each year about this time to grace our annual re-union with your cheery presence. (Applause.)

I remember distinctly telling you some two or three years ago that it seems somewhat of a paradox to say so, that whereas the College has largely made the old boys it seems equally true that the old boys equally make the school. For it is to the character, conduct, and achievements of the old boys that many people look at when they are considering whether to send their sons to the school or to support it in any other way. These were no empty words, for the influence yielded by a great many of our old boys, in all walks of life, is tremendous. In this connection I would therefore ask you to always keep the old school before you when the time comes for you to decide on sending your sons to school. There should be no pretence shown for any other school than Queen's, and to qualify this statement I would now ask you to look around this hall and note the portraits of the wonderful men who have guided its destinies in the old days and produced so many wonderful men, too numerous to mention individually, some of whose names are known to the world over. It is a fact too that as these dear, clever masters, which only a few of us here to-night remember, have retired, their shoes have been filled by others equally gifted. I could go on in this strain for quite a time, but as all the gentlemen present to-night on the staff appear to me to be uncomfortable, I can even see one or two of them blushing. (Laughter.) I will spare their feelings. (Laughter and applause.) After all, it is done and we are to give them a right royal time to-night, so it would be anything but kindness on my part to make them feel otherwise. (Applause.)

But there is one gentleman I absolutely must single out for special reference—and that is Mr. Crook. (Applause.) Now, gentlemen, if it is wrong to abuse a man behind his back it is tasteless to flatter him to his face, but it is surely no flattery to say that the Hongkong Government had thought they would best honour Mr. Crook by appointing him to the Headmastership of this College. The Old Boys' Association think it extremely fortunate that Queen's College is to have, as Mr. Tanner's successor, such an excellent, erudite and popular Headmaster as Mr. Crook, who is beloved alike by old boys, present boys, and the whole staff, and who will carry on the best Queen's College traditions. (Applause.) There is no need for me to dwell upon Mr. Crook's virtues. He is so well known and so universally respected that nothing I might say could by any possibility add to his popularity, or to the high position he occupies in our minds. (Applause.)

The President concluded by asking the Company to drink to the continued prosperity of Queen's College and to the toast, the name of its popular Headmaster, Mr. Crook. (Loud applause.)

The toast was honoured with great enthusiasm.

HEADMASTER'S SPEECH.

Mr. A. H. Crook, the Headmaster, proposed the toast of "The Queen's College Old Boys' Association," and said there were few things that added so much pleasure to the duties of the work of himself and his staff as the feeling that they had the encouragement and support of those who had long left College precincts.

"Furthermore," he said, "the present pupils of this College are genuinely grateful to the Q.C.O.B.A. for the generous gifts of the Ng In and Tsang Chang scholarships, annual prizes given to the first boys in classes 7 and 8 at the final examination. These scholarships were awarded for the first time this year."

Another thing that greatly cheered those who carry on work in this institution, was the constant application of their sons.

Mr. Crook spoke of the extension which had taken place in the curriculum of the College since the time of many of the old boys present, and concluded with a reference to the school magazine—*The Yellow Dragon*—as forming a living link between those who have left the College and those who remain, and in this connection paid a tribute to the Editorship of Mr. Kay, who, he said, is about to go on leave for a well-earned rest and holiday.

Mr. Crook caused much amusement by reading some amusing verses relative to Mr. Kay and *The Yellow Dragon* and finally called on the members of the Staff to rise and drink with him to the success and prosperity of the Q.C.O.B.A.

Mr. Kay in a brief speech appealed to all members of the Association to become "live members" of it and to take an active interest in its proceedings.

Mr. C. G. Anderson (Hon. Secretary) in proposing "Our Guests" remarked that the Q.C.O.B.A. had been compared to the hazy tree branches, and the Association was certainly in a very flourishing condition; while its continued success was assured.

Continuing, Mr. Anderson said: As I have pointed out, this is our sixth annual re-union and incidentally this is the fourth occasion on which you have requested me to speak in this Hall. On account of my poverty in ideas I may, perhaps with profit, refer briefly to a question upon which I have previously touched. I recollect that at our Second Annual Dinner in 1922, I ventured the opinion that we,

as a body in whom the wisdom of the East is blended with the knowledge of the West, are peculiarly fitted to promote Anglo-Chinese co-operation, which I quote my own words was "now more than ever necessary for the prosperity of the Colony and the well-being of its citizens."

Gentlemen, if co-operation be needed in 1926, its necessity in 1926 is imperative, and I found myself in good company when R.E. Sir Reginald Stubbs, in a speech made a few days prior to his departure from the Colony, spoke to the effect that, should a motto be required for Hongkong, the word "co-operation" should find in it a prominent place. You will also recollect, gentlemen, that the English Press, whose representatives and their Chinese colleagues we also have the honour of entertaining this evening, at once took up this standpoint and a symposium of the views of certain Chinese gentlemen as to the desirability of forming an Anglo-Chinese Club as a means towards co-operation was started by the *Hongkong Daily Press*. This desirable innovation, if adopted, I daresay you will agree with me, is merely one of the means to an end. But to my mind, co-operation that is real can only be achieved by the general recognition of certain principles.

On the one hand, Britons should realize that every Chinese has a soul, that China, having a long glorious past, will have a glorious future with the possibility of contributing largely towards world peace, the attainment of which must be the concern of every right-minded individual and that China does not take kindly to, nor does she deserve, the shallow sneers and criticisms that have been flung at her by those least qualified to judge. On the other hand, Chinese should realize that a great part of the British public, and I may say the best part of the British public, has the best goodwill towards them, that the Briton who only knows force in his dealings with them is not representative of his race and is frowned upon by his betters, and that Great Britain is a great nation through the portals of whose world-famous universities and institutions, the most useful, gifted and brilliant of China's sons, including those at Canton, have passed and will continue to pass. With these ideas embedded in the mind of the two peoples, understanding and sympathy will appear and co-operation follows as a natural result: by the side of these ideas any artificial attempt towards co-operation, though desirable and necessary, tends to fade into insignificance. These principles are the *sine qua non* of co-operation that is real, and in giving them publicity, I indulge in no flattery; I am influenced by this fact, gentlemen, that the thought that Great Britain and China should work together to the advantage and glory of both countries strikes a responsive chord in the breast of every member of the association in which I have the honour to serve in a humble capacity.

The speech was interspersed with applause.

Professor Simpson (Hongkong University) replying said he felt that Queen's College and particularly the annual re-union of old boys provided a unique example of co-operation between the Chinese and British in Hongkong.

An excellent musical programme was provided and very much enjoyed. It was opened by Mr. Edwards, who sang the "School Song." Others contributing to the programme included Messrs. C. W. Burnett, W. Kay, J. C. Fletcher, J. Ralston and a number of Chinese guests.

SHIPPING NOTES.

The Master of the s.s. *West O'Rourke* (American) has reported to the Harbour Office that the wreck of a fishing junk was passed in Lat. 23° 18' 30" N., Long. 113° 02' E. The sea, the report states, was breaking over the wreck, and the stern of the junk was about six feet out of the water. The wreck was described as being dangerous to navigation.

A notice in the Harbour Office states that information has been received from the Commanding Officer of the Royal Artillery, China Command, to the effect that station practice from Devil's Peak did not take place on February 22nd, due to weather conditions, and that the practice will now take place at the same time at Pakhawan on March 26th.

Following upon the collision between the *Lai* and the Tai O ferry launch *Yew Sing* last week, while the submarine was in company with other under-water craft of the Submarine Flotilla of the China Squadron, about to start on the Southern Cruise, the Naval Authorities have received word during the week-end that the *Lai*, another submarine of the flotilla, had grounded in the Paracels. The *Lai*, it appears, went aground on the Bombay Reef, about 420 miles south of Hongkong, but was later refloated without having suffered any serious damage, and was able to resume her trip to Singapore.

The *Altai Maru*, which, as stated on Friday last, has been successfully refloated after being stranded for over a month in the Fau Tau Mun Pass, is now in Kowloon Dock to undergo extensive replating and strengthening.

The Star ferry launch *Night Star* was floated last week and the *Solar Star* is approaching completion on the slip-way.

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SHANGHAI	Sinaiang	15th March
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN, SHANGHAI & EUROPE via SIBERIA	Pres. Monroe	15th March
SAIGON	Paul Locat	16th March
MANILA	Emp. of Canada	16th March
STRAITS	Nansang	16th March
AUSTRALIA AND MANILA	Ali Mara	17th March
EUROPE via SUEZ letters & parcels London 15th, Feb. and parcels 11th, Feb.	Kaiyan	17th March
U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Pres. Madison	20th March
STRAITS	Kiuno Mara	22nd March
JAPAN	Tango Mara	23rd March
JAPAN	Yushimi Mara	26th March
AUSTRALIA & MANILA	Changta	27th March

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	PER	DATE
Manila	Pawlet	Monday, 15th, 3.30 P.M.
Amoy	Tungchow	5.00 P.M.
Manila	Pres. Monroe	5.00 P.M.
Amoy	Kiuno	5.00 P.M.
Shanghai & Japan	Iyo Mara	5.00 P.M.
Hokkaido and Haiphong	Mingang	Tuesday, 16th, 8.30 A.M.
Seigon & Bangkok	Koko Mara	8.30 A.M.
Japan	Paul Locat	11.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Japan & EUROPE via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	Portico	Reg. Letters 12.45 P.M.
Seigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via MARSEILLES 16th April	Hoi Ning	2.00 P.M.
Amoy and Fookchow	Sinkiang	5.00 P.M.
Amoy		
Straits & Calcutta	Suianang	Wednesday, 17th, Noon
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C. 5th April	Pres. Grant	1.00 P.M.
Manila	Resolute	Reg. Letters 2.45 P.M.
Shanghai	Kaiyan	3.30 P.M.
Japan	Ali Mara	Thursday, 18th, 9.30 A.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & EUROPE via VANCOUVER, B.C.—due Vancouver, B.C. 5th April	Emp. of Canada	3.00 P.M.
Haiphong	Kaiyan	5.00 P.M.
Bangkok	Kueiyang	Friday, 19th, 2.30 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via MARSEILLES—due Marcellles, 17th April	Kiuno	Reg. Letters 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai & EUROPE via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	Suianang	Saturday, 20th, 2.30 P.M.
Amoy	Anhui	Monday, 22nd, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Japan & EUROPE via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	Kiuno Mara	Tuesday, 23rd, 10.30 A.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via MARSEILLES—due Marcellles, 21st April	Hoi Ning	Reg. Letters 1.45 P.M.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 4th April	Tango Mara	Reg. Letters 2.30 P.M.
Shanghai	Hongang	10.30 A.M.

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Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	3/4 7/16
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